

## THE ADVOCATE.

A Human Tiger.

Of the cruelties of the Turkish grandee, Deftdar Bey, who married Mohammed Ali, numerous anecdotes are related in Egypt. He had, it is said, a tame lion usually lying at the foot of the divan, which, although mild toward its master, was sufficiently ferocious to terrify his visitors. Sometimes he allowed it to worry his slaves, calling it off perhaps just as it was about to kill the wretches.

This savage, when Governor of the Delta, picked himself on the simplicity and primitiveness of his manner and his entire freedom from European habits and notions. During the period of his command in the upper country, a soldier robbed a poor woman of a little milk. The woman, not foreseeing the result, laid her complaint before the bey, who commanded her to point out the culprit. This being done, the soldier was ordered to be laid upon the ground and his body ripped open. The milk being found in his stomach, the bey paid the complainant, and, dismissing her, observed:

"The robber has been punished; but had he been discovered to be innocent, the same punishment would have awaited you."

It was the custom of this barbarian, who always moved surrounded by the terror of arms, to ride abroad accompanied by a number of mamelukes (or domestic slaves), each of whom carried 1,000 sequins in his girdle that should he be compelled to fly, which, considering his hostility to the pasha, was by no means improbable, he might still be provided with money for his immediate use. During the Syrian campaign, six of these young men, dreading the effects of his ferocity, examples of which they daily beheld, made their escape and took refuge in Ibrahim's camp.

Being discovered, however, they were immediately apprehended and conveyed back to Cairo. Here they were commanded to appear before the inexorable lord in the hall of the palace, where they found him surrounded by a number of blacks armed with drawn swords. They were not long in learning their fate. He commanded them to take every man a saber and attack each other in his presence, until five of their number should fall, promising life and 1,000 sequins to the victor. The mamelukes appeared, ranging themselves three and three, and having been trained to the use of arms and unflinching skill and courage, fought desperately, shedding their blood like water, while Deftdar sat calmly on his divan enjoying the spectacle. At length after a long and sanguinary struggle only one remained the victor over his unhappy companions. Exhausted and bleeding in every limb he raised his eyes to his master to receive the promised pardon, but at this moment the bey gave the nod to one of the black slaves who stood behind the victim, and the head of the mameluke rolled along the floor.

On another occasion two of his military slaves quarreling drew their swords in his presence, at which, his anger being kindled, he commanded their heads to be struck off. The mamelukes, however, mindful of the fate of their companions, resolved to sell their lives dearly, drew their pistols, and aiming at the head of the tyrant, were about to rid the world of such a monster, when the interposition of others of his slaves enabled him to escape into the harem.

Reckless and desperate, knowing escape to be impossible, the mamelukes, now joined by several others, who all had wrongs and insults to revenge, rushed and besieged him in his private apartments, where, but for the speedy arrival of a party of soldiers from the citadel, he would have paid the forfeit of his innumerable barbarities and crimes. With this assistance he succeeded in repelling the assailants, who, in their turn, were sent to the gallows.

Several days later, but at length finding their number decreased, and being entirely destitute of provisions, they set fire to the powder and blew themselves up with the tower in which they had taken refuge. (—Sheffield (Eng.) Telegraph.)

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